

AMENDMENTS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

1-100. (Cancel)

101. (Currently Amended) An absorbent composition, comprising:

particles of an absorbent material suitable for use as an animal litter; and
secondary particles selected from a group consisting of activated alumina and zeolite,
the secondary particles being dry mixed with the particles of absorbent material,
the secondary particles being present in an amount of about 0.01% to about 50%
by weight based on a total weight of the composition.

102-113. (Cancel)

114. (New) The absorbent composition recited in claim 101, wherein the activated alumina and/or zeolite is colored.

115. (New) The absorbent composition recited in claim 114 wherein a color altering agent provides the color to the activated alumina and/or zeolite.

116. (New) The absorbent composition recited in claim 115, wherein the color altering agent is selected from the group consisting of dyes and pigments.

117. (New) The absorbent composition recited in claim 116, wherein the dye is selected from the group consisting of anthraquinone, quinoline, monoazo and polymeric dyes.

118. (New) The absorbent composition recited in claim 101, wherein the activated alumina and/or zeolite particles are in the 1-2mm size range.

119. (New) The absorbent composition recited in claim 101, further comprising an antimicrobial material.

120. (New) The absorbent composition recited in claim 101, further comprising activated carbon.

121. (New) The absorbent composition recited in claim 101, wherein the composition is capable of clumping upon wetting.

122. (New) The absorbent composition recited in claim 101, wherein the absorbent material suitable for use as an animal litter comprises a clay.

123. (New) The absorbent composition recited in claim 101, wherein the absorbent material comprises a cellulosic material.

124. (New) The absorbent composition recited in claim 122, wherein the clay is a bentonite clay.

125. (New) The absorbent composition recited in claim 124, wherein the bentonite clay is sodium bentonite.

126. (New) The absorbent composition recited in claim 101, wherein the activated alumina and/or zeolite particles are present in an amount of 0.1% to 15% by weight based on a total weight of the composition.

127. (New) The absorbent composition recited in claim 101, wherein the particle size of the activated alumina and/or zeolite particles are selected based on a particle size and density of the absorbent material such that segregation of the activated alumina and/or zeolite in the composition is minimized.